

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

August 18, 2021 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

Cindy Gilberts (2.0)	Joe Jax (Chair) (2.0 hrs)	Dennis Kropp (12.0 hrs)
Mike Schendel (1.0 hr)	Nancy Schofield (4.0 hrs)	Mike Smith (4.0 hrs)
Bob Giede (Absent)	John Anshus (Absent)	Eric Sutherland (2.0 hrs)

Roll Call of Guests: Megan Hines, Dick Henning, Randy Eide, Dave Frank and Tammy Eckert present.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken to those appearing in person. Volunteer hours worked were recorded.

Acceptance of Minutes: The July 21, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. Dennis Kropp made the motion to accept those minutes and Cindy Gilberts seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments: - There was no public comment.

Dunn County Fair Booth: The Dunn County Fair was held this year from July 21st thru July 25th. Dick Henning reports booth space and location were good in the building. Mr. Kropp states it was a fine exhibit though there was less foot traffic than previous years.

Additional Ash Bench Placement: More Ash Bench placement is contingent upon materials and UW Stout assistance. Suggestions for future placement included the Senior Center, the Library, the City Government Center and Wilson Park.

Tree Care Presentation: Mike Smith presented a very informative slideshow regarding the Ecological Impact, Economic Impact of trees; where trees grow and where we plant matters. Also, the spiral and decline of a tree's life; urban tree growth and man's impact on it.

Items Added for discussion only:

Urban Forester Report:

Ash Tree Treatment Plan: Dick Henning reports we are continuing to treat trees, however more shunts are needed.

City Tree Canopy Inventory: Dick said species need to be added to the data base and he continues to update the data base as he determines what is necessary for removing and replacing trees. He will continue to report to the board as he and Megan continue to work to update the database.

Cork Tree Ordinance: Eric Sutherland stated the cork tree Ordinance was approved by City Council.

Other City Council Updates: Randy Eide stated City Council has moved to all virtual meetings.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts to adjourn and Nancy Schofield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Tammy Eckert